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RE: MM Docket No. 99-8, RM-9433  
Proposed Allotment, Channel 247A  
Mt. Washington, NH

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find an original and four copies of the "Reply Comments" which North Country Radio, Inc. submits concerning the above-named proposed rulemaking.

North Country Radio also encloses a "Certificate of Service", testifying service on both the petitioner, Dana J. Puopolo of Rehobeth, MA, and on Barry P. Lunderville of Lancaster, NH, who submitted Comments on the proceeding.

In the event that you require any additional information, I may be reached at (603) 447-5988.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Osgood  
Vice-President

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Lucia J. Seavey, Office Manager of North Country Radio, Inc., do hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing "Reply Comments" by North Country Radio regarding MM Docket No. 99-8, RM-9433 was sent this 29th day of March, 1999 by first-class United States mail, postage prepaid, to the following:

Mr. Dana J. Puopolo  
37 Martin St.  
Rehobeth, MA 02769-2103

Mr. Barry P. Lunderville  
20 Middle St.  
Lancaster, NH 03584

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FM Broadcast Stations. )  
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REPLY COMMENTS

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2. In Comments on the proceeding, there were two Counterproposals. Barry P. Lunderville asked that the Commission allot FM Channel 247A to Newry, Maine as that Community's first local service. North Country Radio asked that the Commission allot FM Channel 247A to Jefferson, New Hampshire as that community's first local service.
3. As pointed out in the Counterproposals, Newry is a community of 316 persons (1990 census) and Jefferson is a community of 965 persons (1990 census). Clearly, Jefferson is a significantly larger community than Newry.
4. North Country Radio examined the population which would be served by the proposed allotments for Channel 247A at Newry and at Jefferson.
5. North Country Radio found that a full class A facility at the proposed coordinates of N44-31-10, W70-49-28 at Newry would serve 36,676 persons (1990 census). In contrast, a full class A facility at the proposed coordinates of N44-23-40, W71-25-15 at Jefferson would serve 53,504 persons (1990 census). Hence, a facility at Jefferson would serve significantly more people than a facility at Newry.

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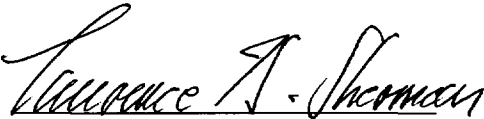
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I hereby certify that all the data and information contained in these Reply Comments is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Respectfully submitted,

NORTH COUNTRY RADIO, INC.

BY: 

Lawrence H. Sherman

Its President

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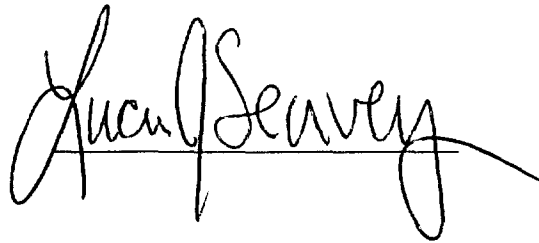
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